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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL FUNDS FOR LABOR LEADERS

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY FREE PANCYPRIAN ORGANIZATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES (EPOET) TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY WITH TRAVEL OF TWO OF ITS OFFICERS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ATTEND 23D WORLD CONFERENCE OF PTTI, 16 - 20 OCTOBER 1978. OFFICERS PROPOSED ARE EPOET PRESIDENT PHILLIP VATILIOTIS AND SECRETARY GENERAL GEORGE CHRISTOU. REQUEST IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL IOANNOU, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CYPRUS WORKER'S CONFEDERATION (SEK), WHICH IS PRINCIPAL MODERATE LABOR ORGANIZATION IN CYPRUS AND WHICH IS ENTERING INTO TRAINING PROGRAM UNDER AUSPICES OF AAFLI.

2. EPOET IS ONE OF MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN CYPRUS, IS ONE OF KERNALS AROUND WHICH SEK IS FORMED, AND IS IN FOREFRONT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SEMI-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND GOC TO RESOLVE PRESSING LABOR PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE FOLLOWING EVENTS OF 1974. HOWEVER, EPOET IS SMALL, DOES NOT HAVE SALARIED OFFICERS, AND IS NOT FINANCIALLY ABLE TO SUPPORT INTERNATINAL TRAVEL BY ITS OFFICIALS.

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3. EMBAASSY CONSIDERS EPOET HIGH ON ITS LIST OF LABOR CONTACTS AND RECOMMENDS PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY'S IV ALLOTMENTS ARE EXHAUSTED FOR THIS FY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE WHETHER S/IL MIGHT BE ABLE FUND TRAVEL OF TWO OFFICERS FOR PERIOD INDICATED, OR WHETHER OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE.

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